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SUBJECT: FINAL TEXT OF TALKING POINTS FOR AUGUST 1 MEETING
WITH FINMIN BOTHA

REF: A. USUN 2393; B. PRETORIA 3754

1. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP MET PM JULY 29 TO CONSIDER COMMENTS OF CAPITALS AND PRETORIA AMBASSADORS ON DRAFT TEXT (REF A) OF TALKING POINTS FOR AUGUST 1 MEETING WITH FONMIN BOTHA. GROUP AGREED, AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS, ON FINAL TEXT (PARA 3), WHICH INCORPORATES FOLLOWING CHANGES IN DRAFT TEXT:

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A) POINTS 1, 2, 3, 4 OF REF B WERE ACCEPTED BY GROUP.
B) PARA 12 OF DRAFT TEXT, SENTENCE 2: PHRASE -WHICH WE EXPECT TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY" WILL BE CHANGED TO "WHICH WILL OEGIN IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 8".
C) PAR QEN LAST SENTENCE: DELETE "... THERE MAY WELL BE PRESSURE TO INCREASE THE STATUS OF THE SPECIAL

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REPRESENTATIVE IN SOME AS YET UNDEFINED MANNER". AND
REPLACE IT WITH: "THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
REMAINS TO BE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED".
D) PARA 16, FIRST SENTENCE: DELETE PHRASE: "TO
WHICH SOME ANSWEREMUST BE FOUND". BETWEEN FIRST AND
SECOND SENTENCES, INSERT SENTENCE SUGGESTED IN POINT
6 OF REF B.
E) PARA 17, DELETE SECOND SENTENCE. ADD FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL SENTENCE AT END OF PARA: "WITH THIS, AND
AGREEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO PUT THE PHASED WITHDRAWAL
SCHEDULE INTO EFFECT, WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO INSIST
THAT SWAPO AGREE TO CEASE THE USE OF ARMED FORCE."
G) PARA 18 IS REWRITTEN SO THAT IT READS AS INDICATED
IN ENCLOSED FINAL TEXT.
G) PARA 21, FIRST SENTENCE: INSERT WORD "SOON"
BETWEEN WORDS "GOVERNMENT" AND RELEASE".

2. WITH REGARD TO POINT 9 OF REF B, GROUP AGREED THAT IF
QUESTION ARISES REGARDING NATURE OF PROGRESS, SUCH QUESTION
SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY UK AMBASSADOR DAVID SCOTT, SINCE HIS
GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH NYERERE REGARDING
SHIPANGA. UK MFA WILL ADVISE SCOTT OF APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

3. FINAL TEXT, AS AGREED BY FIVE, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.
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DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS WITH TALKING
POINTS FOR THE PRETORIA CONTACT GROUP AT THEIR MEETING
WITH MR BOTHA ON 1 AUGUST

1. THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP MET TO CONSIDER AMBASSADOR
BOWDLER'S REPORT ON HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA
ON 21 JULY, AT WHICH MR BOTHA SUGGESTED A MEETING OF THE
PRETORIA CONTACT GROUP WITH HIMSELF AND MR FOURIE (NOW FIXED
FOR 1 AUGUST), TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER (AT A DATE STILL TO BE FIXED).

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT THE MEETING ON 1 AUGUST THE SOUTH
AFRICANS WILL (A) OUTLINE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DUTIES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND (2) REPLY
TO THE TALKING POINTS WHICH THE FIVE HANDED TO MR BOTHA ON
14 JULY.

3. AT THE MEETING WITH MR BOTHA THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL
PROBABLY (1) PRESS THE FIVE TO AGREE TO A RAPID ELECTION
TIMETABLE, (2) SEEK TO PERSUADE THE FIVE TO AGREE TO, OR
ACQUIESCE IN, THEIR DEFINITION OF THE PROPOSED DUTIES AND

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FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, (3) SEEK TO PERSUADE
THE FIVE TO AGREE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL'S APPOINTMENT
SHOULD BE GAZETTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THE HIS DUTIES
SHOULD ALSO BE GAZETTED EITHER ON THAT OCCASION OR SHORTLY
AFTERWARDS, (4) REITERATE THEIR OPPOSITION TO AN EXECUTIVE
ROLE FOR THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, (5) OPPOSE ANY WITH-
DRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA UNTIL AFTER THE
ELECTIONS, OR AT ANY RATE UNTIL SWAPO HAVE FORESWORN VIOLENCE,
AND (6) REJECT ANY SUGGESTION FOR A UN FORCE IN NAMIBIA EITHER
BEFORE OR AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

4. THE FIVE'S OBJECTIVES MIGHT BE (1) TO IMPRESS UPON THE
SOUTHER AFRICANS THAT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED SETTLEMENT IS
VERY MUCH IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND MERITS THEIR SHOWING THE
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FLEXIBILITY NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE IT, (2) TO PRESS THE SOUTH
AFRICANS NOT TO GAZETTE EITHER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRA-
TOR-GENERAL, OR HIS DUTIES, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, (3) TO SEEK TO
PERSUADE THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WE ARE MAKING DETERMINED EFFORTS
WITH THE OTHER PARTIES IN OUR SEARCH FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION, (4) TO URGE AGAIN UPON THE SOUTH AFRICANS
THE NECESSITY OF A PLAN FOR THEIR PHASED WITHDRAWAL FRON NAMIBIA,
WHICH WOULD INCLUD AN EARLY AND SUBSTANTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES

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BEFORE THE ELECTIONS, AND (5) MORE GENERALLY, TO IMPRESS UPON THE SOUTH AFRICANCS THE WIDE GAP THAT REMAINS IN THE POSITION OF THE TWO SIDES, AND TO PUT THEM ON NOTICE THAT FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THEIR SIDE MAY WELL BE REQUIRED AT SOME STAGE IF THERE IS TO BE AN PROSPECT OF AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.

5. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP HAVE DRAWN UP THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO COVER A NUMBER OF CONTINGENCIES WHICH MAY NOT ARISE AND ARE NOT THEREFORE IN A FORM FOR DELIVERY TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE CONTACT GROUP SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT IF MR BOTHA PRESSES THE FIVE AMBASSADORS TO CONFIRM IN WRITING THE VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON ALL OR ANY OF THE POINTS THAT ARISE AT THE MEETING, THE FIVE AMBASSADORS MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO CONSULT THEIR CAPITALS. THEY CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD THEN MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. TALKING POINTS:

(A) THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND HIS DUTIES.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT NOT TO GAZETTE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JUSTICE STEYN AS ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL FOR THE TIME BEING, NOR TO GAZETTE ANY DEFINITION OF HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. TO DO SO WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISE OUR EFFORTS. WE TAKE THIS VIEW FOR TWO REASONS, THE FIRST RELATING TO TIMING, THE SECOND TO SUBSTANCE.

7. WE RECORDED OUR BELIEF IN THE AGREED DOCUMENT OF 10 JUNE THAT THE UN PRESENCE SHOULD BEGIN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE STAGE OF THE TRANSITITIONAL PROCESS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, FOR THEIR PART, INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME THE PRESENCE OF THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NAMIBIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD AT ALL STAGES HAVE TO BE SATISFIED AS TO THE FAIRNESS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

8. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO PROCEED WITH UNDUE HASTE WHEN, AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF DEADLOCK BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS

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OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SOME PROSPECT
NOW EXISTS OF DEVISING A PRACTICAL BASIS FOR A SOLUTION TO THE
NAMIBIAN QUESTION. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEFINITION BY
SOUTH AFRICA OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL'S DUTIES, AND STILL
MORE HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE, WOULD BE CONSTRUED AS A
UNILATERAL INITIATIVE BY SOUTH AFRICA AT A TIME WHEN THE
UNITED NATIONS HAD NOT ITSELF YET AGREED TO APPOINT A
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. HOWEVER IMPARTIAL THE ADMINISTRATOR-
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GENERAL WAS IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES, SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD THEN ALMOST CERTAINLY FORFEIT ITS CHANCES OF ACHIEVING AN
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT, WHICH WE FIRMLY BELIEVE
TO BE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN INTEREST.

9. THE ABOVE REMARKS APPLY TO THE TIMING OF THE APPOINTMENT
OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. THERE ARE ALSO FUNDAMENTAL
QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE. WE TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
ON 14 JULY THAT IT WAS BEING ARGUED THAT FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
EVEN TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO WORK IN COOPERATION
WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO RECOGNITION
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION AND RENUNCIATION OF THAT OF THE
UNITED NATIONS. TO HELP BREAK THE DEADLOCK, THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT COULD INDICATE INFORMALLY AND DISCREETLY TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT IT WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTION IF HE APPOINTED
MARTTI AHTISAARI AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. WE HAVE SUGGESTED
THIS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND THE POSSIBILITY WAS ALSO MENTIONED
BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS TALKS WITH MR BOTHA. WE HOPE THAT
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL SEIZE THIS OCCASION TO CONFIRM
TO US THAT MR AHTISAARI'S APPOINTMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

10. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THEAD MINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL REPRESNTATIVE SHOULD
BE FULLY DISCUSSED WITH US, AND BROADLY AGREED UPON, BEFORE
PROMULGATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL'S MANDATE. WE SEE THIS
AS IMPLICIT IN OUR WHOLE APPROACH. THE FIVE OF US CANNOT SPEAK
FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AS A WHOLE. EVEN IF WE OURSELVES ARE
CONVINCED THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON THE SOUTH
AFRICAN SIDE TOWARDS ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NAMIBIA, THE
FACT IS THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL HIMSELF, DO NOT REGARD THIS PROGRESS AS YET
ADEQUATE. IT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR POSITION THAT THERE SHOULD
BE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA WITH UNITED NATIONS
INVOLVEMENT. THIS REMAINS THE BASIS OF OUR ATTITUDE TO ANY
PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY ANY OF THE PARTIES. BUT THERE IS
MORE THAN ONE WAY OF ACHIEVING THIS GENERAL OBJECTIVE. WE
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MUST CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR A SET OF ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL
SATISFY THE REASONABLE ESSENTIAL INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL
AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IS AT THE CORE OF THE PROBLEM.

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11. AT THE SECOND ROUND OT TALKS IN CAPETOW WE EXPRESSED
OUR VIEW THAT AN ADEQUATE UN PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE
TRANSITIONAL PERIOD COULD GREATLY ASSIST IN THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF ORDERLY, RAPID AND INTERNALLY ACCEPTABLE MOVEMENT TO A
FREE AND INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. THIS, OF COURSE, FORESEES A NEED FOR
CONTINUED UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS
LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE AFTER THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY.

12. WE ACKNOWLEDTE THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA HAVE
BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO, WHICH
WILL BEGIN IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 8, WE SHALL POINT OUT TO THEM
THE RISKS THEY RUN IF THERE IS NOT AN INTERNATIONALLY

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ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE INVITED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
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TO COOPERATE WITH US, TO THE EXTENT HE FEELS POSSIBLE, IN THE
PREPARATION OF A DETAILED PLAN FOR UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT
IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. WE HAVE HELD SOME INITIAL MEETINGS
ON THIS SUBJECT, WITH UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, BUT
MORE
WORK IS NEEDED. WE ARE ALSO IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH
AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE BOTH THEM, AND
THOSE OVER WHOM THEY HAVE INFLUENCE, TO TAKE A FLEXIBLE
APPROACH.

13. IN ORDER TO REGISTER REAL PROGRESS, WE MUST STEER
INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE IRRECONCILABLE JURIDICAL
POSITIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS, AND TOWARDS
PRAGMATIC CONSIDERATION OF THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE ADM-
INISTRATOR-GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT MUST REALISE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUSPICIOUS
OF THIRTY YEARS WILL NOT BE EASILY DISPELLED IN A MATTER
OF WEEKS, AND THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
REMAINS TO BE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED.

14. TO SUM UP, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE
TO GAZETTE THE APPOINTMENT, OR TO DEFINE THE DUTIES OF
THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL UNTIL FURTHER PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
IN ARRANGING FOR UN INVOLVEMENT. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT
THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR-
GENERAL SHOULD TAKE UP OFFICE TOGETHER.
THIS WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE WORLD
SOUTH AFRICA'S READINESS TO ACCEPT THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL
AND THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE WORKING
IN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES. IT
WOULD ALSO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PARTIEZS TO ACCEPT THE
JURIDICAL ANOMALIES OF THE SITUATION.

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15. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPO-
RTANCE TO THE IMPARTICALITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
TERRITORY. WE RECOGNISE THE FREEDOM OF ALL NAMIBIANS,
INCLUDING THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE, TO FORM
POLITICAL PARTIES AND TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDUCT
AND ORGANISATION OF THE ELECTIONS, AND INDEED WE
WELCOME ALL EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF POLITICAL CONSCI-
OUSNESS IN NAMIBIA. BUT JUST AS WE DO NOT ACCEPT THAT SWAPO

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IS THE SOLE AN AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, SO WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT ANY OTHER POLITICAL PARTY OR ORGANISATION SHOULD BE GIVEN A SPECIALLY PRIVILEGED STATUS IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. WE WOULD EXPECT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN AN ATTITUDE OF IMPARTIALITY VIS-A-VIS ALL PARTIES IN NAMIBIA.
(B) A PHASED PLAN OF WITHDRAWAL AND THE QUESTION OF THE ARMED FORCES.

16. THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD CONSTITUTES A CENTRAL PROBLEM. OUR POINT OF DEPARTURE IN CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS THAT ONCE THE PARTIES CONCERNED HAVE COMMITTEED THEMSELVES TO PEACEFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, THE THREAT TO SECURITY SHOULD BE GREATLY DIMINISHED. OUR REFERENCE TO INTIMIDATION "FROM WHATEVER QUARTER (INCLUDING THE ARMED FORCES)" APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MISCONSTRUED. WE ARE OF COURSE OPPOSED TO INTIMIDATION FROM ANY QUARTER WHATSOEVER. INDEED, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL RECALL THAT OUR ORIGINAL FORMULATION, DURING THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IN CAPE TOWN SPOKE OF INTIMIDATION FROM POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE ARMED FORCES. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT MUST RECOGNISE, HOWEVER, THE SITUATION TO WHICH WE ARE ADDRESSING OURSELVES: THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTING SWAPO AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES TO AGREE TO TAKE PART IN PEACEFUL ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, WHILE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS REMAIN IN THE TERRITORY. THIS HAS GIVEN RISE TO FEARS IN MANY QUARTERS OF UNDUE INFLUENCE
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DURING THE POLITICAL PROCESS, AND OF UNDUE ADVANTAGE IN THE EVENT OF ITS BREAKDOWN.

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17. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES, WE HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNT'S READINESS TO ACCEPT AN APPROACH WHICH INVOLVED GUARANTEES DURING THE POLITICAL PROCESS AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INTIMIDATION FROM WHATEVER QUARTER. WE HAVE ALREADY URGED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO DRAW UP PLANS FOR A PHASED WITH-DRAWAL, TO TAKE PLACE PROGRESSIVELY THROUGHOUT THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS SHOULD INCLUDE A SCHEDULE FOR A PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM NAMIBIA, WITH EARLY AND SUBSTANTIAL TROOP REDUCTIONS. WITH THIS, AND AGREEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO PUT THE PHASED
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WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE INTO EFFECT, WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO INSIST THAT SWAPO AGREE TO CEASE THE USE OF ARMED FORCE.

18. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE QUESTION OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS IS TO BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THE FUNCTIONS OF A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE VARIOUS POLITICAL FACTIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ASSURE THE FREEDOM OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. THAT CONFIDENCE WILL AFFECT REACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ANY SOUTH AFRICAN TIMETABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS TROOPS AND AFFECT AS WELL THE LEVEL OF THE UN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA AND THE ROLES IT WILL PLAY.

(C) DETAINEES.

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19. AT THE TALKS IN CAPE TOWN IN JUNE, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIANS DETAINED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

20. WE RECALL OUR POSITION THAT ALL NAMIBIANS, WHEREVER HELD AS DETAINEES AND POLITICAL PRISONERS, SHOULD BE RELEASED SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THIS MATTER.

21. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SOON RELEASE AT LEAST SOME OF THE NAMIBIANS DETAINED AND IMPRISONED BY SOUTH AFRICA. SUCH A GESTURE WOULD HELP TO PRESERVE THE MOMENTUM OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, AND CONVINCE WORLD OPINION THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE GENUINELY WORKING FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

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